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Soon the young man on the church steps had companions, and the first family was followed by a score of others. At last the Higginsses, all dressed out as usual, appeared on the piazza. Papa Joe, as Alec nicknamed him, bringing up the rear, while Lisbeth hurried past the others in order to be in her place in the choir in time. Mrs. Higginss gave Alec a formal invitation to a place in their pew, and Alec accepted and followed close behind her, with the children on each side of him, evidently proud of his company. They found a thick crowd in the entry before the inner door, and Alec was obliged to elbow himself in rather roughly, while everybody stared coldly at him. That stony stare made him most uncomfortable, but the Higginsses seemed to take it as natural enough, and gave him what relief they could by hurrying to their pew, though most of the audience were still crowded about the door.

But soon the preacher came, a bent, but dignified old man, with a sadly solemn face, in which, however, goodness shone, and as he made his way to the pulpit the company about the door dispersed to their seats, and soon all was quiet and solemn for a few minutes before the little organ in the loft at the rear, back of the choir, wheezed forth the voluntary.

Alec felt that it was the most solemn assembly he had ever seen. Though it was so hot a day, there was no flutter of fans, though fans indeed (of the large palm leaf variety chiefly) were in use, there was no rustle of silk garments as in a fashionable audience in the city, no subdued buzz of faint whispers. Instead there was a little rustle of the leaves that came with the light breeze through the wide open windows, and the more distant murmur of the fields. One could hear, too, the ripple and gurgle of a brook that flowed not many rods from the church, and now and then a bee or a great fly buzzed about over the heads of the worshippers. So intense was this peculiar atmosphere to Alec that he wished almost to cry out against it and feared he disgraced himself by his uneasiness in his seat. But at last he surrendered himself to it, and becoming lost in a contemplation of the greenery through the windows or a buzzing bee or the color that came to him on the breeze, he found the church a most restful place.

The service began with a hymn, and when the choir rose Alec observed that Lisbeth and George Marston stood side by side. Doubtless in the silent communion of many Sundays thus so near each other had grown up that attachment which Lisbeth sternly but silently repressed, but which the blacksmith as persistently but silently urged. When the second hymn the whole congregation rose and turned to face the choir in the rear. Alec spent his curiosity and attention in watching these two singers and felt sure that, however intense their affection, no word of love had yet passed between them. Lisbeth sang in a clear, full soprano, her voice rising bravely and almost unconsciously above the rest, while the blacksmith, with his frank blue eyes and honest, open face, looked up to heaven as he poured out his voice with hers in a clear baritone that blended perfectly.

When the service was finished and the congregation broke up for the Sunday school, Alec again felt the lonely stare of the little crowd into which he was wedged, on one side Mrs. Higginss gossiping with a neighbor, on the other several other substantial matrons gossiping with other neighbors as if it were the only opportunity during the week they had to speak to each other. But soon Alec saw George Marston making his way through the crowd to ward him, and giving Alec's hand a hearty grip and speaking a still more hearty welcome, he invited Alec to join his Sunday school class, and when they had made their way to the door the blacksmith introduced the young man to half a dozen lads who stood about, some older, some younger, but none with anything to say. Alec felt awkward, and was glad when the superintendent, rang his little silver bell to call the school to order. They took their places in groups about the church, here a big group of uneasy children, there a group of young lads, or half a dozen old men and women. George Marston's class had a retired nook in the choir gallery, from which Alec had an excellent opportunity to survey the little gathering without himself being much seen.

It was not at all an unpleasant hour that Alec spent there. He found Marston keenly intelligent, sympathetic and well read for a countryman, and before he left foresaw that he should find in him a genuine and true friend. Already in these few days what deep ties of intimacy he had formed with this strange people!

As soon as the service was over, he slipped away as quickly as possible to the kitchen of the tavern for a good drink of cold water, but he found Lisbeth before him busily getting dinner, for which he confessed himself quite ready.

CHAPTER XII.

HE TAKES A WALK IN THE WOODS AND HEARS SOMETHING ABOUT JOE HIGGINSS.

meet above one's head like an arching bower.

At last he came to a place where a brook ran through a little stone arched channel under the road, and beyond it spread out into a clear round pool in the midst of an open meadow grown rank with thick swordgrass. He stepped down from the road to glance into the dark, cool tunnel of the stream, where it ran so smoothly and quietly as if lingering to rest under the mossy stones beaded with moisture. As he stood up he noticed a little path running around the edge of the water covered meadow, and he immediately decided to follow it. It skirted the bank of the meadow and pool until it came to an old rail fence, with its rotten logs piled crosswise upon each other. Alec climbed clumsily over and found the path starting suddenly into the wood.

The immensity of the place filled him, made him wish to kneel and worship God, sending his prayers up through those tall, smooth, brown trunks and the little space that opened to the sky. A pine wood is like a great cathedral, with its gigantic pillars springing up on every side, its domes and arches and massive frescoes and cool, calming space about one.

At last Alec climbed up on a high, gray boulder and sat down, like Robinson Crusoe in the midst of his lonely island over which he was sole ruler and king. The boulder was his throne. All these tall pines were his humble subjects, never uttering a word of insubordination. What was poverty now, with such a free heritage?

But suddenly a sharp, cool breeze came along, pushing the sultry air before it, and Alec glanced up through the trees to see black, scudding clouds. The sun was covered, and it was growing darker, but in this dark forest he had not noticed it. Then came a long, low rumble of thunder, and Alec slipped quickly down from his granite throne and began to look for the right way home.

He could not find it and began to be somewhat distressed thereat as he hurried here and there, looking and wondering, when suddenly he saw something that changed the whole current of his thoughts. There, not two rods away, wholly unconscious of his presence, sat Lisbeth on a low stone, her chin buried in her hands, which in turn were supported by her elbows resting on her knees. She seemed looking vaguely into space. Alec thought she had been crying. Her chin had fallen off beside her, and her whole attitude was that of abandonment—a huddled bunch. She was by no means graceful, but most touching. His heart went out to her at a bound, and he would have liked to go to her immediately and have comforted her. But he dare not. He was almost afraid to make his presence known, and began to think of slipping off without her observing him, when he recollected that he did not know the way; that it was about to rain, and that at any rate he ought not to leave her here to get wet because of her melancholy, however sacred it might be.

He had taken but a few steps toward her when she heard the breaking of the small branches under his feet and turned and saw him. She smiled sadly at him, and he remarked prosaically: "It looks as if it were going to rain. If we don't hurry home, we shall be drenched."

"I don't think it will rain," said Lisbeth in a harsh, monotonous tone as she glanced up at the scudding clouds which could be seen through the trees. "The shower is going round."

A few big drops came bonning down upon them before she had finished, but she assured Alec they meant nothing. "She has been thinking of the blacksmith," said Alec to himself and, as for Lisbeth, she seemed to feel that he had read her through and through.

She rose rather sullenly to her feet, however, and started off, bidding Alec come on. He followed her, sorry, sympathizing, wishing he could comfort her, help her, at least show his feeling. But she was silent and forbidding. It was impossible to speak. They tried to talk of indifferent things, but conversation failed, and as they walked through the avenue of trees which formed the road they both lapsed into utter silence.

That evening about 9 o'clock, as Alec was thinking of going to bed, he stumbled into the parlor from the piazza, where he had been sitting on a nail keg. At first the room seemed to him deserted, but soon he heard a half stifled sob, and at the farther side of the room made out the form of a girl lying on the old sofa. It must be Lisbeth, and she was crying. This time Alec could not restrain his sympathies, and he walked directly across the room to her side, where he let his hand rest on her arm in the dark.

"Is it you, Lisbeth?" he asked as cheerily as he could. She immediately sat upright, but made no answer. "Tell me what's the matter," he said kindly. "Perhaps I can help you. I'm so sorry for you. You've been awfully good to me. Lisbeth," he blurted out and put his hand out to her in the dark, but she repelled it.

"You don't know anything about it," she answered in a broken voice, "and it wouldn't do any good if you did. You can do nothing for me but go away and let me alone. You've got plenty of things to think about for yourself. You've got a job to earn your board and you are as independent as a landlord. But you don't know how long your job's going to last nor where you're going to get the money to pay for them very clothes you have on. There! I didn't mean to say that, but it's the gospel truth, and you better understand it now as well as any time. I like you, and I've tried to help you, but I'm only a girl, and I can't do much."

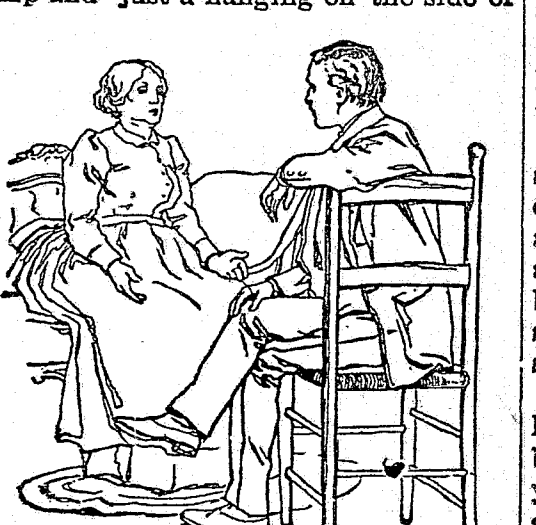
Alec was completely undone by this sudden turning of the tables. He mumbled something of the sort and began stumbling into his own eyes and began stumbling back out of the room. Lisbeth sat quietly on the sofa and made no sound or movement.

At the door Alec unwittingly plunged squarely into a mountain of humanity, which turned out to be Mrs. Higginss.

She had been standing at the door and had heard the colloquy—at least the last part of it.

"O Lord, Mr. Howe, don't mind Lisbeth!" she said when they had recovered themselves. She shut the door and led the way out to the piazza, where she had just placed a chair, into which she presently sank, while Alec took his old place on the nail keg, with the side of the building for a back.

"You see, Mr. Howe, Lisbeth worries a sight over her pa. That was part of what she meant when she talked to you that way. Three years ago her pa had a sort of fit or something, which they say's heart failure or something. He was out in the store one evening with a lot of men there smoking and that sort, and a little girl, Mrs. Janeway's little Nancy that died, came in and wanted some sugar, and he was reaching into the barrel that stood out in the middle of the store, you know, and all of a sudden she says she was kind of limp and just a-hanging on the side of



"Lisbeth's a good girl."

the barrel, so to speak, and near tupp'n the barrel over. Well, they had a terrible time getting him out. They brought him in here and laid him on that sofa where Lisbeth was sitting, and he lay there till pretty near the next morning without stirring or speaking or even breathing, for all I could see. They said he did breathe, though. I thought sorry he was dead. But he wasn't. He got up next morning and went and changed his clothes and set off to Conway to see the doctor. I made Jim go 'long with him, for I said he should take care of him. Lisbeth, she would have gone, too, only she had to take care of the store. She cried terrible and wanted to go, but her father made her give in. She sits terrible sore by her father.

"Well, you know George Marston, that come in here last night. I'm almost sure she's in love with him, though she's never let on that she is, and he doesn't know it. But she says she won't never marry while father's like he is now. She says if he should die sudden the store would be all broke up if she was married and gone, and then me and the children might come to the Lord only knows what—the poorhouse, for all I know."

"Lisbeth's a good girl. I think she's glad you're come, 'cause if anything did happen to father you could sort of help her look after things."

"I dunno as she'd like to have me have felt you all this, but I thought as you ought to know, so's to be prepared if anything happened to him. He's had those fits now and again ever since. He had one only last month, and I expect this hot weather he'll have another soon."

It is perhaps uncertain how long she would have rambled on had not Lisbeth appeared in the doorway and said she was going to bed. Alec wondered if she had overheard. He felt more sorry for her than ever and wished she knew he understood and sympathized. But he did not know how to convey it to her, so he returned her a curt good night and went off to bed too.

CHAPTER XIII.

HE GOES TO PAVONIA AND CALLS ON MAUD.

The next morning Alec was down to breakfast at 6 o'clock, and by half past 6 was sweeping out the store. It was a dirty place, appeared as if it had not been properly cleaned in years—and Alec proposed a thorough overhauling. It had a discouraging look and a discouraging odor. On one side were piled up calicoes, suspenders, women's petticoats and other things useful to the human being, some of them being rather sooty and smelly. On the other side were sugar, nails and horseshoes, tobacco, candy and groceries. And the odor was a mingled one of lamp oil, molasses, cottonseed meal and phosphate fertilizer.

But Alec went bravely to work, and between dealing 2 cents' worth of sugar to one little girl and a 25 cent shoe sole to another and serving divers other stray customers he managed by noon to have moved everything on one side of the store and swept.

Joe Higgins kept out of the way as much as possible while Alec was cleaning. He never took any part in cleaning anything, though he said he was glad to have done it, because it made Lisbeth feel better. Women had queer notions, and Lisbeth was always fussing about how dirty the store looked. For him, he didn't see but it was all right so long as he kept the sugar and flour and things tightly covered up. Nothing ever went dirty out of his store—unless it were things like lamp chimneys that were expected to be dirty—and he didn't see what difference a little dirt round the outside of things made.

Alec thought Lisbeth worked herself to death. Her part of the house never looked dirty. And he looked curiously at Joe Higgins, as if he were looking at a man almost in the next world. More over, everything was narrow and pinched—only nature was luxurious—and Alec wondered how on earth a fortune could ever be made out of the penny's worth of this and the two pennies' worth of that, with scarce ever an order above a few shillings.

As he went about the store he remembered very vividly the desperation of his first days in the village and was mightily thankful for his present vantage. But nevertheless he had desperate fits of homesickness, and for a day or two he looked about in vain for any possible work by which he might earn a little money. In the meantime he said:

nothing to Mr. Higgins about hours, and as there seemed plenty to do in cleaning up and putting things in order and mastering prices and what not he snuck pretty closely to that.

The tavern was chiefly a stopping place for tourists and other travelers driving to the mountains or engaged in coaching parties. They would stop to rest their horses and have them watered and fed, and they usually wanted a hasty lunch for themselves. On rare occasions a belated traveler inquired for lodging. Alec's duty was to receive the visitors on the front veranda (as he was the most attractive looking person about the premises), and take the horses. It was embarrassing to play lucky to such people as he had been used to mingle with on an equality; but, on the whole, he rather liked this opportunity of seeing refined people in any capacity whatever. There was a sympathy in being near them and hearing them talk in the familiar accent which was balm to his homesick heart. He was always well treated, and frequently a shrewd man or kindly lady looked at him inquiringly, as if to ask how he came there, though nothing was ever said.

But one day the chance for earning some money and for something else came quite unexpectedly. One evening after supper Alec went into the store and found Joe Higgins as usual on his back on the counter, but talking with a stranger in bicycle costume. He was saying:

"Waal, yes, I guess you could have a horse and buggy to go to the Rashes, but it's more'n 35 miles, you know. If you waited over till morning, you could go down by the 10:35 train from Ashton Station."

"But I must catch a train tonight if it's possible. I don't mind paying for it."

"Waal, there's Pavonia, 30 miles. You might catch the 1 o'clock train. I reckon you can make a bargain with this youngster here to go 'long and fetch the team back. He has nothing to do, and I b'lieve he likes riding."

Alec was offered \$5 for the night's job and accepted at once and immediately started to hitch up the horse. Pavonia could hear that word without remarking the driver. And this drive would take him directly past the house of the Bennetts. Would he catch a glimpse of them? Now he could stop and return the dollar bill as he came back. A strange thrill went through his heart at the thought of seeing Maud again, and now he did not dread meeting her face. Eagerly he threw the harness on the old mare and hauled her into the stable. She seemed far more reluctant for this midnight journey than he and moved with extreme slowness. But soon she was harnessed and fast in the light, open wagon, and a moment later the bicycle rider was putting in his broken wheel, and Mr. Higgins was giving Alec directions about the care of the horse. They were to put up in Pavonia for rest and feed and not start on the return till late in the afternoon, when the July heat had abated a little, making the greater part of the journey in the evening.

It was a hard drive that 30 miles in the dark, especially as neither of the men knew the way very well. Often at crossroads they got out and anxiously studied the guideboards by the light of matches. But in many cases the old painted signs were so weather worn that the directions could not be distinguished, and in other cases the fingers manifested pointed in a wrong direction. It was a case of drive hard and trust in God, and the result justified their faith, for the 30 miles were made in a little less than six hours over a rough road and up many steep hills, and the unlucky wheelman was dispatched on his journey by the 1 o'clock train.

Alec watched the noisy train disappear in the darkness. Then he slowly left the little station, untied his horse and made his way to that lively stable where he had put up Mr. Bennett's horse the day before. Maud came to see the circus. Alec said he wanted a night's lodging and mentioned the name of Mr. Higgins of Ashton Centre, whereupon he was at once conducted to a stuffy bedroom at the top of the house, and ten minutes later he was asleep.

The next morning he smiled to himself as he thought that now he was no longer afraid of Mrs. Bennett and world, if anything he was glad to see her, but not thinking that she would doubtless punish Maud for his shortcomings. He was soon dressed and had his breakfast. A little after 9 o'clock he was driving out through the narrow lane at a smart trot.

By half past 10 his horse was wearily making his way into the yard before the Bennetts' house and barn. Alec looked at the door, but seeing no one there he dropped his eyes. But when he looked again there was Maud standing just as she did when he first saw her, but now she had a smile on her face. He didn't recall ever having seen her smile before, but now the smile was very broad, and he was obliged to smile too. He stopped his horse before the door, and while still sitting in the wagon said:

"I was driving by, and I thought I would stop in and see you all a few minutes."

"I am the only one at home," said Maud shyly. "Mother has gone to the store, and father and the boys are in the field. Won't you come in?"

Alec thought he would and jumped out to hitch his horse. Maud led the way into the kitchen, but did not offer him a seat there. On the other side of the house was the garden, and about the back door was a bit of lawn. Here she placed a small rocking chair for Alec and he sat down. She herself stood in the doorway, awkwardly trying to find something to say.

"Won't you have a glass of milk?" she asked.

SOUTH PARIS.

No. 4 Hill.—Arthur Thurlow has been up from Pagan.

Hubert Tucker collects the cream on this road.

A. O. Corbett has traded horses and has now two new ones.

Mrs. A. O. Corbett and son Fred came home from Auburn, Monday.

Julia Corbett and Gilbert Shaw were at her father's, Tuesday evening.

Parties from Auburn have bought the hay on the S. C. Shaw farm and are moving it.

SINGER POLE.—Mrs. E. E. Lander is getting quite smart.

A. D. Wing has a new horse.

E. F. Lander is cutting his wood at the door.

Gertie Shaw is visiting friends at West Paris.

John Ryerson worked for A. D. Wing, Wednesday.

Mrs. John Ryerson and family were at her father's, Feb. 5th.

Mrs. A. O. Corbett spent the day with Mrs. C. W. Shaw, this week.

C. W. Shaw is getting his wood at Singer Pole. He has sold a lot to Frank Starbird and Hubert Tucker.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Fishing for, catching, taking or killing in any way, any kind of fish, at any time, in any of the brooks or streams that are tributary to Lake Umbagog in Norway, Oxford County, is hereby absolutely prohibited, except as provided in the following rules, which shall be in force from February 1st, A. D. 1897, to the first day of January, A. D. 1898.

LEROY T. CARLETON, Commissioners of HENRY O. STANLEY, Inland Fisheries and Game.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT.

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss. Norway Municipal Court, February Term, 1897.

Gust Anderson of Berlin in the County of Coos and State of New Hampshire, plaintiff vs. Charles A. Hummer of Woodstock and James J. L. of Sumner in the County of Oxford, defendants, and Eugene F. Smith of Norway in said County of Oxford, trustee.

And it now appearing to the Court that the defendants in the above action are beyond the limits of this state, and that they have no tenants or agents or attorneys therein, whereby no notice has been served on them of the pendency of said action.

It is ORDERED, That notice of the pendency of said suit be given said defendants by publishing an abstract copy of this order and abstract of the writ two weeks successively in the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER, a newspaper published at Norway in said County, the first publication to be fourteen days before the first day of March, 1897, for said defendants, if they appear at said Court and show cause, if they then appear, why judgment should not be rendered against them.

HERRICK C. DAVIS, Judge.

Abstract of Plaintiff's writ:

Date of writ, Sept. 3, 1896.

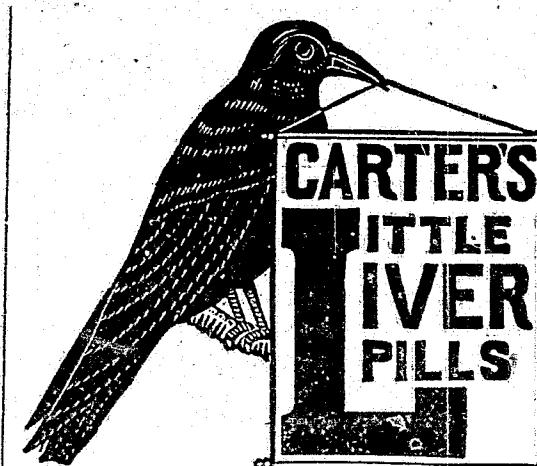
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Pled of case.

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A true copy of order of Court, with abstract of writ. Attest:

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Loans secured by collateral, 48,444 47
Cash in office and bank, 7,412 32
Interest due and accrued, 11,407 49
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Coming Events.

Feb. 22—Oxford County Medical Association, Mechanic Falls.
Feb. 22-23—Merry Noblemen at Norway Opera House.
Mar. 1—Annual town meetings begin.
Mar. 2—Pomona Grange, Bethel.

New Advertisements.

Ice, A. W. Walker.
Oak Hall Clothing Co.
H. B. Foster, clothing.
Sacrifice sale, M. Welch.
Spring styles, Blue Store.
C. E. Tolman, life insurance.
Special drive, E. F. Bicknell.
Spring medicines, F. P. Stone.
Glassware, Hobbs Variety Store.
Shoes, Oxford County Shoe Store.
Kid glove sale, Noyes & Andrews.
Insurance statement of L. L. & G. G. Cabinets at \$1.25 per dozen, Chase.
Reading matter, Noyes Drug Store.
Wool dress goods, S. B. & Z. S. Prince.
Annual meeting, Norway Savings Bank.
Special sale of shoes, E. E. Millett & Co.

NORWAY LAKE.

Virgil Flood has been hauling ice for Frank Holmes.

Grace Priddy of Waterford is at Wilber Priddy's, dressmaking.

Dan T. Welch of Portland is visiting at his uncle's, G. W. Partridge's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Frost of Oxford visited at David Flood's, Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Welch is sick in Boston, and is not able to come back at present.

Albert Packard and wife of North Norway were at David Flood's, Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Young and little son, Philip, visited at J. F. Bradbury's, Sunday.

The Norway Lake Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Walter Priddy, Feb. 24th.

Program for the evening: A drill; How to organize a permanent society from the manual of parliamentary law; a lesson in spelling; and short stories by Mrs. Winnie Hall and Fannie Tucker.

WEST PARIS.

The social visit and donation party which had been arranged for Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, was postponed on account of the storm and will occur on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24. Singing and select reading will occupy part of the evening.

NORTHWEST ALBANY.

Clement Bellefontaine is able to be out again.

We hear that Uz Mason is in the hospital at Worcester, Mass.

George Mason and Mrs. Fred McLeod went to West Bethel, Saturday. They found it very windy and cold.

George and Edwin Rolfe are getting their spruce and cordwood from the mountain pretty fast. They have three teams on the road.

Mrs. Belle Brown is sick at this writing. She was unable to take her part in the Sunday-school concert. Eva Holmes spoke a very nice piece, "The Widow's Light." She is a very nice speaker. We had a nice concert. All did the best they could. Blanche Kenerson is also a fine little speaker.

WEST BETHEL.

Lloyd Luxton has a new sled, a present from his mother.

J. F. Allen has a very bad sore near his eye, which looks very bad.

Frank Goodnow of Gorham, N. H., was here and called on his parents, "one day last week."

Mrs. Geo. Harden has been to Bethel for several days, caring for her sick daughter, Mrs. Bessie Martin.

A novel horse race was exhibited on the streets of our village, one day last week. A sheriff was in pursuit of a wanted witness but the witness having the smartest horse soon left his pursuer far in the background, who was obliged to return without his bird.

Elmer Allen, one of our village boys, is one that has very steady habits, is never seen hanging around the stores or in bad company. He spends his time at home, sows the newwood, does the chores at the barn and assists in the house. He spends considerable time in studying his books and is called a good scholar of his age.

EAST HEBRON.

Feb. 19th, the Grange have an "Old Maid's Auction."

Rev. W. L. Braden was hired to supply the pulpit for two months at least.

H. A. Record is preparing to build a hen house in the early spring. He hauls his lumber to Glasse's.

Mrs. W. L. Braden and J. L. Shaw were chosen delegates to the S. S. Convention in Canton, Feb. 19th.

Mrs. A. P. Allen's health has improved so she was out to church, last Sabbath, for the first time since her sickness.

Mrs. D. Jack of Sumner was here, last week, and gave her old friends a call in company with her sister, Appy Merrill.

C. F. McKenney returned from North Auburn, last Sabbath. He was quite sick while there with the prevailing disease.

John Allen comes from his boarding place at Dr. Whitman's to his aunt Emily Allen's across the fields on snow shoes. John is a fine walker.

East Hebron Grange was entertained by the Brothers. A large number were present and were well pleased with the exercises. Confectionery was furnished by the Brothers and a lively sociable closed the entertainment.

Pomona Grange.

The next session of Oxford Pomona Grange will be held with Bethel Grange, the first Tuesday in March. Program:

Pomona.

Song.....Choir

Opening grange and regular routine work.....Ladies' half hour. Question, "What shall be a woman's work on the farm?" Opened by S. E. Jackson, followed by L. M. Valentine.....Dinner.....Afternoon.

Music.....Choir

Declaration.....F. L. Stone

Song.....Norway Grange

Recitation.....Lillian Luxton

Essay.....C. E. Valentine

Song.....L. T. Brett

Prayer.....Bethel Grange

Question, "Is it possible or desirable to curtail productions in this country, in any line of farming, and thereby raise the price of farm products?" Opened by Brother Kimball of Round Mountain Grange, followed by E. E. Witt of Norway Grange.

Witt of Norway Grange.

EAST OXFORD.

Gilman Penley of South Paris was in this place, Sunday.

Ben Dudley was in Lewiston, last Friday, on business.

Sumner Wardwell of Otisfield was in this place, Feb. 14.

Geo. P. Whitney was in Portland and Lewiston, last week.

Thomas Johnson has sold his farm to his son-in-law, Adelard Gorgee.

Solon Downing's children have been very sick with the whooping cough.

Charles Noble killed a beef creature and hog for Solon Downing, last Saturday.

James Porter and wife of Norway visited his sister, Mrs. C. H. Flood, one day, last week.

A. J. Billings and Ben Dudley are hauling birch to Mechanic Falls, from the Hazen lot.

Robert Thomas and Harry McKee are hauling timber from the Hazen lot to Billings' mill, at South Paris.

Ben Dudley's house caught fire, last Monday, and but for the timely aid of Mr. Dudley, the buildings must have burned.

BUCKFIELD.

Luther Turner has had another attack of asthma.

G. M. Tilton and wife went to Auburn, Saturday, for a few days' visit.

The Buckfield foundry set up last fall is said to be closed for good.

The Odd Fellows held a session, Monday evening, preparatory to the funeral services of the late Charles A. Warren, who was killed, last Saturday, by the fall of a tree.

The Masons had a special meeting, Monday evening. After the close of their services, they repaired to the Methodist vestry and partook of an oyster stew, which was prepared by the ladies of the society for a general entertainment. Prior to the arrival of the Masons, the company were entertained by singing, declamations, etc.

SUMNER.

Julian Dyer has gone to Peru to work.

George Grose has returned to Massachusetts.

Florence Poland has been quite sick with tonsillitis.

Samuel Dyer and his grandson Aubrey went to Peru, Sunday.

John Davenport and wife went to Paris on business, last Saturday.

Lynn Dyer has cut some extra nice birch for East Sumner parties.

C. M. Parilla and wife visited their daughter in Lewiston, recently.

Oscar Newell sold a nice pair of steers to Oscar Turner of Hartford, last week.

A. J. Merrill of Waltham, Mass., and Mrs. Sarah Turner of Auburn visited their brother, Moses Merrill, last week.

SNOW'S FALLS.

Fred J. Wood went to Boston, Friday, for a week or ten days.

James L. Snickles is hauling pine lumber to Cole's mill for Daniel Swift.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Wood attended the clerks' ball at Norway, last week.

Herbert N. Black, while cutting ice, Thursday of last week, fell and broke his collar bone.

James M. Holden committed suicide, last Friday, p. m., by taking poison. He has lived in Massachusetts for several years, but was making his home this winter with his father, Peter M. Holden, who is in feeble health. He leaves a wife and two children.

One of Mrs. Pinkham's Talks

Concerning a Mother's Duty to Her Young Daughter. Together with a Chat with Miss Marie Johnson.

The balance wheel of a woman's life is menstruation. On the proper performance of this function depends her health.

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Disturbance of the menstrual function poisons the blood. In young girls suppression develops latent inherited tendencies to scrofula or consumption, and no time must be lost in restoring regularity. Many a young girl goes to her grave because this difficulty has been thought lightly of, and mother has said, "Time will bring about a cure; she is young, I don't worry about her."

Mother, when you see your daughter languid and indifferent to things that usually interest a young girl, when you note that flush on her cheek, that glassy appearance in her eyes; when your daughter tells you that even the weight of her dress waist oppresses her, and that she has terrible pains in her stomach shortly after eating, don't ignore these signs! If you do, you will be following your daughter to the grave, for she will die!

This is gospel truth—she is developing consumption of the bowels!

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the greatest regulator known to medicine. Make haste to use it on the first appearance of the tell-tale symptoms; it will restore all the female organs to their normal condition. Miss Marie Johnson's letter to Mrs. Pinkham, which follows, should interest all mothers and young ladies. She says:

"My health became so poor that I had to leave school. I was tired all the time, and had dreadful pains in my side and back. I would have the headache so badly that everything would appear black before my eyes, and I could not go on with my studies. I was also troubled with irregularity of menses. I was very weak, and lost so much flesh that my friends became alarmed. My mother, who is a firm believer in your remedies from experience, thought perhaps they might benefit me, and wrote you for advice. I followed the advice you gave, and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as you directed, and am now as well as I ever was. I have gained flesh and have a good color. I am completely cured of irregularity. Words cannot express my gratitude, and I cannot thank you enough for your kind advice and medicine."—Miss MARIE F. JOHNSON, Centralia, Pa.

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GILEAD.

D. O. Bennett is not very well, this winter.

Maggie Bennett entertained a party of young people, last week.

J. W. Bennett is getting along quite nicely now, moving his fleet of buildings.

It is rumored that our station agent, Mr. Ladd, is soon to leave us, and Alex Cabaud is coming here in his place.

A recent call on A. B. Lacy finds him a little keeled up this winter, being well towards eighty. Mr. Lacy is one of our best smart farmers and has a good farm and buildings to accommodate his well-regulated stock. He has 10 or 15 tons of good hay for sale, and he makes the best white oak goad and whip lash sticks to be had in this vicinity. He uses a brand in the lash stock. He argues, for many reasons, a stick without a brand is not safe and after hearing his reasons, we think he is in the right.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Sammy Thurston has gone to Rangley to work.

Hiley Cary is selling "bluine" to get him a watch.

The annual run of rug fever has struck this neighborhood.

Most of the teams are hauling wood to the Falls, where there is a ready market for it.

Mrs. Drusilla Jackson and Mrs. Imogen Bishop have gone to Boston on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Susie Longley and daughter Dorothy, have been visiting Mr. Longley's mother in Portland.

Georgia Hemingway of Farmington, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Hemingway.

Saturday evening, Feb. 13, about forty of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Putnam from the Falls and East Rumford, gathered in their pleasant home and passed a very enjoyable evening. Music was furnished by John Longley, "Major" Allen, Mrs. A. E. Morrison and Mrs. Anna Putnam Record. An excellent oyster stew was enjoyed by all.

DENMARK.

Walter Luck recently, swaped cows with A. H. Wilham.

Dr. Brown has been sick with a cold and unable to ride.

Wyman Handon continues to fail. Is now confined to his room.

Aaron Welch and wife made a visit at Mechanic Falls, last week.

Joseph Bennett and wife of Bridgton, made his uncle, J. Bennett, a call, Sunday.

G. W. Moulton has so far recovered from his lameness as to be able to ride out.

Joseph Bennett is in very poor health. He has been confined to the house about all winter.

S. D. McKusick has bought a new horse of Bridgton parties. He recently had a lame one killed.

George W. Gray is at home for a few days from Portland, where he and Mr. Gray are spending the winter.

Alice Tibbets, daughter of Chesley and Sarah Tibbets, died of consumption at West Denmark, Feb. 12. Aged 20 years.

Mrs. Sidney Smith of Waltham, Mass., has rented for one year, the tenement of Geo. W. Moulton and will move to town the first week in March.

A. F. Jones, a drover of Plymouth, N. H., came to town some ten days ago, his horse being taken very lame detailing him till the present. The horse is still quite lame.

Arthur Richardson, has bought the shop and dwelling house combined, near the town farm, of Mrs. Abbie Potter, occupied several years by C. L. Smith. Mr. Smith is moving into what is called the Bean house, near the Universalist Church, now owned by A. H. Jones.

FRYEBURG CENTER.

Dean McDaniel is working for Dean Wiley at Lovell.

Mrs. Helen Bryant suffers intensely at times from neuralgia near the head.

The Rebekah Circle met with Mrs. J. E. Hutchins, Feb. 10. Over sixty took supper.

The drama, "Tony, the Convict," will be played by the Fryeburg Grange at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Feb. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Chandler are said to have obligated themselves to care for Mrs. Amos Maxwell through life for her real estate in this place.

NORTH LOVELL.

Schools close Tuesday this week.

M. F. McAllister and wife visited their daughter, Della Farrington, at Gilead, last week.

Miss Bond of Kittery, visited at the parsonage, last week and made several calls on friends in the vicinity.

Mrs. F. D. Hatch and son Albion, went to Norway before the big rain and were obliged to stay over until Monday.

Howard B. Flint of Cambridge and Lyman Shedd of Nashua, are stopping at E. W. Palmer's. Mr. Flint will join a company at Tamworth, Saturday.

Rev. Z. Knight returned home after a stay of two weeks. The meetings were all well attended and a good interest manifested.

SOUTH ALBANY.

Mrs. Henry Savin is quite ill from the effects of a severe cold.

Sewell Abbott of Waterford, was at his brother's, George Abbott's, one day last week.

Mrs. Beulah Abbott is spending this week with her son, Sewell Abbott, at Waterford.

May Farrington of North Waterford, spent last Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Mrs. Lewis Savin.

Argie Savin, who has been stopping at Henry Savin's in North Waterford for the past two weeks, returned home, last Saturday.

The house owned and occupied by Mr. Meserve, was burned, Wednesday morning, Feb. 10. The barn a short distance away was saved. Mr. Meserve and family are staying with a neighbor. We hear Mr. M. is going to rebuild.

The jury disagreed in the Holt murder case, tried at Auburn. Joseph B. Holt of Mechanic Falls was tried for the murder of his infant son. The defence was insanity.

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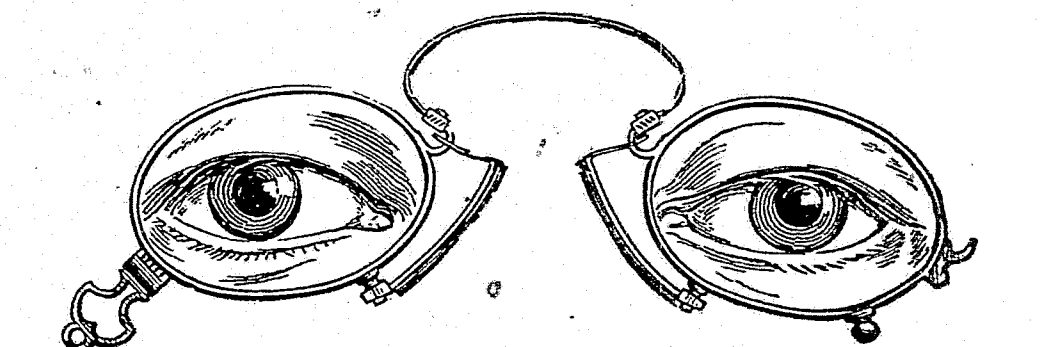
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FRYEBURG.
E. E. Hastings is attending court at South Paris.
Mrs. G. H. Shedd of North Conway, has been in town.
Mrs. W. B. Bradley has been in this place for a few days.
Mrs. Perkins and daughter have gone to Wolfboro, N. H.
Enoch Chase is on the street again after a long illness.
Chas. Warren has been in Norway for a couple of weeks.
Mrs. Herbert Hodsdon and daughter are at Norman Charles.
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Fife have been visiting friends in Norway.
T. L. Eastman has returned from a business trip to New York.
Mrs. Howe is in Bartlett, N. H., with her niece, Mrs. H. W. Jordan.
Geo. Page and sister have returned from a visit in Gorham, N. H.
James Randall of North Conway, has been visiting friends in Fryeburg.
Geo. Haley has gone to Orono, where he is student in the State College.
Mrs. Tewksbury and Mrs. Fellows are in New Hampshire for a week's visit.
Nina Shedd has closed her school at the Harbor and is at home for a vacation.
Randolph Surbridge and J. S. Barrows of Boston spent a few days in town last week.
The selectmen are in session at their rooms on Portland St., completing their town business for the year.
The last meeting of the Woman's Club, held under the direction of Mrs. F. O. Wentworth and Mrs. Abbott, was an interesting one. Musical selections added much to the program which consisted of readings and a paper on Eugene Field.

LOVELL.
F. C. and Ed Davis were in Norway, last week.
Frank Watson furnishes the corn shop wood, this year.
Some of the farmers water their cattle at the river as their wells are dry.
E. T. Hubbard got hurt quite badly while skating. He ran into some one and got a bad fall on the ice.
The young men of our village turned out and cut up S. W. Cushman's wood pile, one day last week. Mr. Cushman has been poorly for some time.
Some of the ladies of the village are threatened with the rug fever. We hope it will not break out in this place, as it is a bad thing to have in the family.
They are putting in lots of birch at the mill. It will be saved into dwell lumber also. There is a large lot of long lumber also. They will commence sawing soon.

Circle, Friday night, Feb. 19th, when the popular drama, "The Wrecker's Daughter" will be presented. It promises to be a good play as there are some good actors in the cast.
Frank Bemis will move here from Lynn, Mass. He is a fine blacksmith and will rent the shop over by the skating rink. He formerly lived here and we are glad to see him back again.

NORTH ALBANY.
A. L. Tyler from Mason was in this place, last Sabbath.
Teams have got to work again after the recent rain, which made the roads very bad.
There was a concert and meeting at the schoolhouse in this place, last Sunday. There was some very nice speaking.
A. S. Bean and his surveyor were in this place, one day last week, taking survey of the spruce that has been landed on the brook.

Eighty-Eighth Birthday.
There was a pleasant gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McIntire at East Waterford, on Sunday, Feb. 14th, to celebrate the eighty-eighth birthday of Mrs. Mary Johnson, widow of the late Ira Johnson.
Among those present were Ira Johnson and wife of North Norway, D. L. Merrill and wife of North Bridgeport, J. A. Johnson and wife of Waterford, Mrs. H. J. Merrill and daughter Mae of Norway, L. E. McIntire, wife, son and daughter, B. G. McIntire, wife and son, T. H. Savin and wife of Norway, and LeRoy A. Johnson, the grandson, who for eleven years has been her special care; as it was at the home of his father and mother, George and Elizabeth Johnson, where she and her late husband were to spend their declining years, but death claimed both father and mother. At their death, they both went to live with Ira Johnson and wife, who have made it a home under their hospitable roof.

She lives at peace with the world, beloved and respected by all who come in contact with her. All through her busy and faithful life, with sympathizing heart, and hands and feet, which knew no faltering, she has ministered to the wants of her suffering near and dear ones; and many hours has she watched with neighbors and friends, at the bedside of their sick and suffering families. Ever the bright, guiding star of her family, with inspiring voice, she led them on to brighter and better lives. Long may she be spared to bless and comfort those around her, ere she is called to lay down her life, and hear the "well done" that good and faithful servant."

Mr. and Mrs. McIntire extended their almost boundless hospitality to all in the form of a fine dinner, which they know so well how to spread before their friends, and all joined in thanking them for one of the most enjoyable days of their lives.

GREENWOOD.
Randall Herrick is at Norway shoe shop.
Several farmers have sold their apples for 75 cts. per barrel.
Alton Dunham and wife and Edgar Morgan are working in Bethel.
John Roberts has quite a number of boarders and a stable full of horses.
Several cottages have been erected near the steam mill for the accommodation of workmen.
The road over Patch mountain is a succession of big drifts and bare ground. The road to the city down Coburn hill is abandoned for the winter.
Business is lively on Sanborn Brook. Large quantities of lumber are being sawed at the steam mill, mostly hard wood, spool strips, staves and planks, and a large number of teams are engaged hauling to West Paris. This timber has all grown since May 10, 1819, when every living tree and shrub was killed for miles around by the great fire, except one small tree standing in the fissure of a ledge out of harm's way.

NORTH NORWAY.
Asa Richardson and family visited in Bethel, last week.
Mrs. Elmina Merrill is visiting friends in the village awhile.
Mrs. Evans, a widow from Bethel is keeping house at J. A. Frenth's.
Mrs. Lola Curtis is at West Paris at Holland Curtis' for a week's visit.
Ira Putnam has gone with his team to work for O. H. Merrill in Greenwood.
I. H. Lord has taken a trip to Portland. Lester Nason from Harrison is doing his chores.
Mrs. Amalia Keene, who has been at Rollin Towne's, three weeks past, has returned to her home in Poland.

ALBANY.
Mrs. Wallace Bird is quite sick with heart trouble.
Fred Clark was at home, over Sunday, from Sholburne, where he is at work, returning Monday morning.
Mr. Wheeler, the stage driver, has moved from Herbert Bean's house into Mr. Cole's, for the remainder of the winter.
Mrs. Crooker, formerly of Albany, who died in Canton, where she has resided for the last three years, was brought here to be buried. A brother and sister and other friends from Norway came to the burial.
The house of Mr. Meserve was burned to the ground, early Wednesday morning. The fire caught around the stove-pipe, and was well under way before discovered. But very little was saved. Insurance on house and furniture, \$825.

VALLEY ROAD.—Mrs. O. H. Saunders is on the sick list.
Chas. Flint is better.
Moses Grover of East Stoneham was at Geo. Grover's, the 9th.
Mrs. A. E. K. Grover and Bennie visited at Bethel one day last week.
Mrs. Ed. Paine and family spent the day with Mrs. Geo. Grover last week.
Mabel Meserve is spending a few days with Mrs. Geo. Grover. She intends visiting friends at West Bethel, soon.

At the recent town meeting the vote being against raising the sum talked of to help further the projected railroad, those at the North end were perhaps a little unjustly blamed, as very few of them attended. But if they will carefully study the case and endeavor to understand it, there will be no doubt that when they come out in full force to vote next March the dissenting voices will be few.

The house of Wm. Meserve was burned on the morning of the 10th, about 5 o'clock. The fire caught near the flue, where the stove-pipe entered the chimney. They were able to save but a few things as the smoke filled the rooms to suffocation. It is a great misfortune for them, but we hope Mr. Meserve will build, and that kindly disposed people will lend him a helping hand. Partially insured.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.
O. S. Robbins has built a new ice house.
Elwin Russell has built some new stalls in his stable.
The whale and Jonah is the correct answer for the riddle printed the 5th inst.
Rosie Berry and Edwin Thurlow are married and have gone to Orono to reside. We unite in wishing them much happiness in their new relation.
It is really laughable to read the prices put upon wives' affections when stolen. A case in N. Y., the poor hubby got all of 25 cents. She must have been a back number, but it does seem to be catching, and sometimes we stop and think—where are we at? They will be swapping 'em yet.

Saturday evening we attended the lyceum at the Chase schoolhouse. Your correspondent Clinton has just closed a successful term of school there. The room was crowded and everybody in a happy mood. It was decided that horses are more profitable than oxen for farmers to work. The Woodstock News was read by Florence Cushman.
Mrs. Arvilla Bryant nee Dudley attained the age of ninety, Monday, the 8th inst. Her brother, Perrin Dudley, ninety-three, is the town's oldest resident. Mrs. B. still has her faculties and gets around very spry for one of her age. John Day is also ninety or more. Messrs. Dudley and Day live with Otis Dudley near Bryant's Pond, and Mrs. Bryant with her son Alfred here.

EAST BROWNFIELD.
Charles Adams is in Porter driving a team for Chas. Hill.
Grace Bartlett has gone to Gorham to attend Normal school.
Winlock Sanborn is quite sick with inflammation of the bowels.
Smyth Grey caught a pickerel a few days ago that weighed six pounds.
George Bradbury is in very poor health with small prospect of any improvement.
Addie Allard has closed her school in Dist. No. 9, and is at home for a while.
Mrs. Parks and her daughter, of Bangor, are staying with George Bradbury this winter.

Wm. Sickney will return to Andover this week. He came home to attend the funeral of his cousin at Fryeburg.
Mrs. Sydney Smith and her children have been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins.
We have a brass band at Brownfield now with 18 members. They are practicing and rehearsing, and hope to be able to render first-class music in the near future.

Several citizens of Brownfield have requested an article put in the town warrant for town meeting, that they take a vote of the town in regard to going back to the old district system of keeping the roads in repair.

Moody McInnes is having a severe time with neuralgia in his face, and teeth ache. He is over 70 years, old and never had a tooth pulled till this winter, but he rather thinks they mean to make up for lost time by appearances.

BRYAN'S POND.
G. L. Cushman is hauling ash lumber to South Paris.
H. H. Cushman is to gather the cream on the new route.
Walter Bacon came home Monday from Norway, sick with tonsillitis.
There is to be a lyceum at the Pinhook schoolhouse, Friday night, question, "Resolved that alcoholic liquors have caused more misery than all other evils combined."

Albert Mountfort met with quite a severe accident Monday. While crossing the railroad with his team one of the traces broke and Mr. Mountfort in trying to hold his horse caught his leg in the crossbars of his sled, giving his knee a bad wrench and springing the ligaments. It will doubtless lay him up for some time.

School in the Chase district closed Saturday and the last day was held in the evening with this program:
Reading records of last meeting. Maud Stevens Declaration Freddie Hall Declaration Alice Cushman Question, Are Horses More Profitable for Farmers to Work than Oxen?

Opened on the affirmative by Edmund Cole and Albert Perham, and on the negative by Albert N. Felt and Willie Perham. This is a question of great interest to the farmers of Oxford county to day, consequently the house was packed to its utmost capacity. The question on being given to the house was discussed in the affirmative by G. L. Cushman, Alton Bacon, Orlando Robbins, David Harding and Kingman Perham, and on the negative by Henry Davis, H. H. Cushman, R. C. Davis and J. M. Day. The question was decided by a vote of the house 40 to 32 in favor of horses. This was followed by

Recitation.....Edith Cushman
Recitation.....Irene Casey
Recitation.....Irene Cole
Song.....David Harding
Diologue.....The Sham Professor, David Harding, Chas. Dudley, Albert Felt and Albert Perham
Diologue.....Who Broke the Box? Albert Felt, David Harding, Albert Perham
Fandango.....Mrs. Florence Cushman
Reading of paper.....Mrs. Florence Cushman

OXFORD.
The prize speaking contest is billed for Feb. 22d.
Capt. H. T. Bucknam of Mechanic Falls was in town, Monday.
Nearly all our citizens have finished their ice harvesting.
Carroll Davis and F. A. Delano are working in a saw mill at Mechanic Falls.
Maude Mayo is in town, drilling the contestants for the coming prize speaking.

The drill and ball by the Noyes Co., K. of P., in Robinson Hall, Feb. 9th, was a success.
Rev. J. B. Howard of the M. E. church exchanged with Rev. Thomas Baker of Mechanic Falls on Sunday, the 14th. Mrs. Arthur Vailley presided at the organ in place of Mrs. F. A. McCollier, who is visiting in Boston.

DEPOT.—Eugene Burns loaded a car of apples Monday.
Emma Washburn is sick with pneumonia.
Sumner Wardwell loaded a car of cattle Monday.
David Andrews was in town Monday of this week.
Mrs. George Hussey, nee Lizzie Bennett, of Pittsfield, is visiting her parents, H. A. Bennett and wife.
Mabel Gilbert visited at F. J. Hall's one day last week, and took dinner with her brother Earl, who is working for Mr. Hall.

Seth Ames has gone to work in the woods for J. F. Fuller, while his son Clinton is on the road with a traveling salesman.
Mrs. Ben Stone of Hebron visited her mother, Mrs. Joel McKen, and her sisters, Mrs. Seth Ames and Mrs. Chas. Holmes, and attended the Methodist circle at Mrs. R. F. Staples', Friday evening.

EAST PERU.
Charles Chase is driving Albert Holman's team, this week.
H. A. Chase and mother visited relatives in Canton, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Newman visited at Albert Holman's, Sunday.
Mrs. Elvira Lunt of Livermore is moving into the Griffith house.
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Oldham visited at D. W. Oldham's, last week.
There will be a dance at the Town Hall, Saturday evening, Feb. 20th.

Roy Harlow and Charlie Chase each have a new sleigh. They are dandies.
Maude Mayo has finished work for Mrs. P. Farrar and returned to Hanover.
Cora Harlow has returned from Lewiston, where she has been at work in the shoe shop.
Forty-two couples attended the dance at the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 10th.
School commenced in this place, Monday, Feb. 1st, under the instruction of Ada Gerrish.

HEBRON.
Judge Bonney spent a few days in town, last week.
Winogene T. Harden entertained several of her friends, Monday evening.
Mrs. Nellie Melcher and daughter and Annie Glover of Auburn are spending a few days at E. M. Glover's.
Frank S. Pike had an operation performed on his eye at the Eye and Ear Infirmary at Portland, last week.
F. R. Glover and wife, Henry Stearns and wife, Dr. Crane and Prof. Sargent went to the first annual reunion and dinner of the Boston Hebron Academy Alumni Association held at Young's Hotel, Boston, Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Friday afternoon Hebron academy's preliminary speaking contest was held in Assembly hall. Thirty students competed for position on the list of prize speakers. A high grade of work was done and these were the successful speakers:
Misses Marshall, Glover, Thayer, Moody, Frost, Foss, Durgin.
Messrs. Newcombe, Ramsdell, Piper, Vernon, McKown, Knapp, Foster.

The Grangers had a box supper and social at the fair hall, Wednesday evening. There has been considerable interest in the Grange lately, over a quilt voting contest. The votes were counted, Wednesday, and the quilt was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conant. The quilt contestants were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hibbs and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Greenwood. Over \$44.00 was realized from the quilt.

HARTFORD.
Orlando Davis is having an ice house built.
Vernie Davis of Auburn is visiting at Lon Cox's.
Fred and Lizzie Warren of Buckfield were in the place, Sunday.
Alice Hadley is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis of Sumner.

Charles Hadley and mother of West Sumner visited at Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hadley's, Sunday.
Mrs. Henry Parsons of Buckfield has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Russell, for a few days.

HARRISON.
Our stage driver, C. Brown, who drives from Bridgton to Norway, seems quite a horse jockey because he succeeds in the best end of the trade, so says a friend of ours who lives in Norway.
Supervisor G. S. Pitts works well in his school, thus proving himself worthy of the position. Mr. P. travels for a Co. in Auburn and is allowed a large field from Canada to the Middle States. He gives perfect satisfaction to the company.

WEST SUMMER.
The rug fever is raging here.
G. H. Barrows and Mr. Brown put in their ice, last week.
Algernon Ryerson of Hebron has visited his brothers here.
Eva L. Doble is at home from Norway, where she has been at work.
Ed Allen and Laura Dunn from Paris were at H. T. Heath's, one day recently.
The Snowbound reading club met with Mrs. C. A. Hemingway, Wednesday of last week.

The church vestry has been painted. Work done by C. E. Handy and Gussie Farrar.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morton from South Paris were at Mellen Bates', last Sunday. Mr. Bates is still very poorly.
C. M. Packard and son of Canton Point were in our place, Feb. 14th, calling on old neighbors. They were on their way home from Norway.
C. L. Bates, wife and daughter on reaching Mechanic Falls learned of sickness in his brother's family and they returned home, intending to start again some time this week for New Haven.

The Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Portland, through its agent, C. E. Tolman of South Paris, takes a good space in this paper. It is a safe and reliable company and if you want insurance speak to Mr. Tolman about it.

EAST OTISFIELD.
P. C. Greenleaf is spending a few days in Auburn and Waterville.
Mrs. Arthur W. Frost and daughter, Gladys, of Norway are visiting her sister, Mrs. Hattie Greenleaf.
The Norway Praying Band are to hold a meeting at the Free Baptist church, next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.
A very profitable term of school in the Wardwell district, taught by Thomas Jackson, closed, last week. He had one pupil four years old, that lives one mile and a quarter from the schoolhouse who was absent but one day during the whole term of eight weeks.

BIRTHS.
In South Paris, Feb. 17, to the wife of Whitefield Stuart, a daughter.
In West Sumner, Feb. 9, to the wife of Alvin Gary, a daughter.
In South Paris, Feb. 8, to the wife of B. P. Adams, a daughter.
In Norway, Feb. 6, to the wife of T. H. Thurlow, a son.
In Dan Ark, Dec. 12, to the wife of Percy Rankins, a son.
In Rumford Falls, Feb. 9, to the wife of James L. Lemert, a daughter. (Eva Mary.)
In Rumford Falls, Jan. 24, to the wife of H. L. Mitchell, a daughter.
In Dixfield Center, to the wife of Charles Durrell, a daughter.
In South Paris, Feb. 14, to the wife of F. T. Wingate, a daughter.
In Albany, Feb. 4, to the wife of Cephas Cobb, a son.
In Hartford, Feb. 7, to the wife of George Reed, a daughter.
In Peru, Feb. 1, to the wife of A. S. Hazleton, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.
In West Paris, Feb. 7, by Rev. J. J. Wheeler, Edwin E. Thurlow of Woodstock and Rosie M. Berry of Paris.
In Norway, Jan. 28, by Rev. B. S. Rideout, David Roberts of York and Addie Sanborn, both of South Paris.
In Andover, Jan. 28, by G. A. Andrews, Esq., Wm. H. Robinson of Andover and Grace C. Well of Bethel.
In Wilson's Mills, Feb. 3, by R. A. Shorey, Esq., Henry H. Holmes and Rule M. Brooks.

DEATHS.
In Norway, Feb. 11, Edgar Austin, aged 24 years.
In Hartford, Feb. 14, Mrs. Mary Fogg.
In Bethel, Feb. 14, Hiram A. York, aged 63 years, 9 mos., 23 days.
In Denmark, Feb. 11, Alice Tibbets, aged about 25 years.
In Andover, Feb. 8, Mrs. J. C. Merrill, aged 67 years.
In Lovell, Feb. 7, Nicholas Hatch, aged about 80 years.
In Gilead, Feb. 8, George Burnham, aged 81 years and 6 days.
In West Sumner, Feb. 16, George Bisbee, aged 67 years, 11 months, 28 days.

When Hot Weather Comes
You will need ice, and I am prepared to furnish you with the same as in the past. I hope by prompt and careful attention of your wants to receive your patronage the same as I have in the past.

A. W. WALKER,
Norway and South Paris.
LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE
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Incorporated, 1826. Commenced business in U. S. in 1848.
HENRY W. EATON, Resident Manager.
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ASSETS, December 31, 1896.
Real estate owned by the company \$1,730,000 00
Unimproved 3,576,718 64
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens) 2,162,676 00
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, payable, market value 14,689 61
Loans secured by collateral 816,101 52
Cash in the company's principal office and in bank 61,157 13
Interest due and accrued 948,702 43
Premiums in due course of collection \$9,339,545 33
Aggregate of all admitted assets of the company at actual value

LIABILITIES, December 31, 1896.
Net amount unpaid losses and claims \$516,707 91
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks 3,228,272 67
All other demands against the company, viz.: commissions, etc. 801,104 40
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus \$5,246,085 00
Surplus 4,093,460 33
Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus \$9,339,545 33
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THE UNION MUTUAL AHEAD IN MAINE.

The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Portland, wrote far more New Insurance in Maine than any other company.
Increased Assets and Surplus.
A successful year in all departments.
Not a single bond in default of interest.
Three million dollars in Maine securities.
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"The year was one of splendid progress."—Portland Daily Press.
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The Leading business and professional men insure in the Union Mutual.
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C. E. TOLMAN, Manager.

BARGAINS!

- We have some bargains to offer as follows:
- 1 nice ash set, good style, large bevel (German plate) glass, rub finish. Marked down from \$35. Price, \$25.00
 - 2 (marble top and lock) walnut commodes. Marked down from \$5.75. Price, \$3.50
 - 6 walnut centre tables. Marked from \$4.50. " \$2.75
 - 1 cherry (marble top) center table. Marked from 6.50. " \$3.75
- 200 prs. Ladies' Button and Lace Boots. We sold for \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. They are a little out of style. We are selling them for \$1.00, \$1.20 and \$1.50.

Yours truly,
SMILEY SHOE STORE,
E. N. SWETT, Manager,
127 Main Street, Next door to new store of S. B. & Z. S. Prince.
Norway, Maine.

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DAUBITT METAL for sale at this office in lots to suit the purchaser. Call or address, 49th F. W. SANBORN, Norway, Me.

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Kid Glove Sale.

We will have a special sale of the genuine Foster Kid Gloves, Saturday, February 20, **ONE DAY ONLY.**

This Glove always sells for \$1.00, Saturday's price, 75c. This is your opportunity to save 25c.

Look at Our new line of Hamburgs and Laces.

Yours respectfully,

Noyes & Andrews,
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At **STONE'S DRUG STORE,**
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Sarsaparilla,
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HOOD'S,
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GREENE'S,
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And all other brands of these many kinds of remedies.

If you don't see what you want, ask for it.

DRIVE IN MEN'S SHOES AT Oxford County Shoe Store.

50 pairs Men's \$3.00 Goodyear welt Shoes for \$2.00 a pair.

Come and secure a pair before your size is gone.

F. W. FAUNCE, Clerk,

129 Main Street, NORWAY, ME.

The Boy was Right.

A teacher asked the boy which was fastest, heat or cold. Boy said heat, because, said he, "Nobody can catch heat, while anybody can catch cold." Boy was right; easiest thing in the world to catch it, hard thing to get rid of it. Best thing to prevent it. Our ulsters are cold preventers, and a thimbleful of preventer is worth a barrel of cure. All our ulsters are marked way down now.

YOUR MONEY BACK IF NOT SUITED.

H. B. FOSTER,

Opera House Block, NORWAY, MAINE.

Special Drive on

CANNED PEAS.

Shall sell for a short time 1 can for 7c., or 4 cans for 25c. If you like Peas, now is your time to buy.

E. F. BICKNELL, 141 Main Street.

WATERMAN'S IDEAL FOUNTAIN PENS.

BUY ONE.

If it does not please you, return it and get back what you paid for it.

AT **SHURTLEFF'S,**
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

FOR SALE New apple barrels, 2c.; heads, 2 for 5c.; hogs, 1c. a ro. One pine spruce and hardwood. Some 400 cords timber on lot. For apple barrels, etc., apply to J. H. Hamlin, Auburn, Me.

Advertised Letters. Norway. Mrs. Luntliff Ames, Mrs. Abby J. Millett, Mrs. E. J. Kelly, Mrs. Fannie Pratt, Miss Grace M. Gordon, Mrs. Lilla Ray, Miss Sadie Harriman, Mrs. E. C. Washburn, Mrs. Martha E. Kimball, J. H. Jewett.

SOUTH WATERFORD.

Joel Monroe died Tuesday morning; funeral Thursday at 1 o'clock.

The Universalist people are preparing a drama to be given as soon as possible. The Methodists had the largest audience for some time, last Sabbath morning.

Rev. H. A. Markley gave the first of a course of lectures on Universal Doctrines last Monday evening.

Much rejoicing over the news from Norway's railroad town meeting. They had to talk about it, if it was Sunday.

Monday was quite spring-like; the water was running in the roads. Many fear the sleighing will be of short duration if we have many such days.

John Kilgore's many friends rejoice with him in his late good fortune. They feel that if "Uncle Sam" ever gave a real deserving increase to a veteran it was when he received his last week.

The Universalist society was reorganized Wednesday evening, Feb. 10, with Daniel Brown in the chair, and the following officers elected:

Daniel Brown, president;
S. Haggood, clerk;
Mrs. M. E. Watson, treasurer;
Mrs. Florence Rounds, Miss Josephine Gerry, trustees.

Waterford's oldest inhabitant, Chas. Bisbee of Bisbeetown passed over to his eternal home last Wednesday. The funeral service was at his late residence on Friday afternoon. His age was 90 years, 4 months and 19 days. He has the reputation of being a very active, smart old man, and an upright, conscientious citizen. The M. E. pastor of this place was the officiating clergyman.

The M. E. church social at the Grange hall was a success; about 90 present. A good table was set before the hungry Waterfordians, and they all seemed to enjoy it, judging from the remarks we heard: "Plenty of it such as it was," and "Very good what there was of it."

The entertainment of readings, recitations and singing was well appreciated if we may judge by the clapping of hands, while those that remained to play "luck" and "On the road to Boston," etc., declared they had a splendid time. The next social, about March 10, is to be entertained by the gentlemen. Many complimentary comments were made upon the hall and banqueting room.

A letter from New York says: "Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haynes of South Waterford, who are en route for Niagara Falls, a New York city, paid their friends in this vicinity a visit. They learned that door-to-door calls are not recognized here. They spent three weeks leaving for West, Feb. 15, via E. R. R. During their stay, they were the guests of Mr. Sandford, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Sattels of Plainfield, Mr. Isaac Layng of Dunellen, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Browne of Newark, N. J.; all of whom have, in the summer months, spent pleasant days, boating, fishing, bathing and playing lawn tennis, at Mr. Haynes' home in South Waterford rd. Mr. Haynes proved himself to be a typical Maine man. While forced to admit we had quite a town, he said South Waterford would, when the Oxford Central R. R. got in working order, push us hard for first place. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes carry with them the best wishes of the friends of a pleasant trip and a safe journey home."

We were glad to see the ADVERTISER's kind and appreciative notice in issue of Feb. 12 of the "Norway Boy, Inventor," C. L. Randall, for we think it better to emulate the good deeds of men, than to spread out so much printer's ink over the exploits of the erring ones. But our attention was called to a new invention this past week by one of Waterford's sons. A new kind of lamp chimney and burner, showing that Norway does not bring forth all the genius of Oxford county; for Geo. Hall of this town, while a resident of Deering at the present, is a man of many inventions. He has perfected a mowing machine, a railroad gate operated by compressed air, an improved carriage wheel, and is putting upon the market the above-mentioned lamp chimney and burner. Also a copying press, which has been pronounced the best ever invented, by experts in that line. Mr. Hall is 46 years old, and the son of John R. Hall of this place, who is the co-titular of the Grange store, and has the new lamp chimney and burner on exhibition. This chimney is made with a groove around it near the bottom, which the upper part of the projecting arm of the burner press into and thereby take hold of the glass with a firm grip which prevents its falling off without some extraordinary jar.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE WOODS.
Charles A. Warren of North Sumner, a native of Buckfield, was killed by a falling tree Saturday. Mr. Warren was in the woods with two companions, and they came across a tree that had been lodged in another one by the wind. While the party were looking up, the tree suddenly became free and fell toward the ground. In trying to escape Mr. Warren unfortunately got directly under the tree and received a terrible blow. His skull was crushed and death was almost instant.

Deceased was 35 years of age. He leaves a widow and five children. The body was taken to the home of his father, J. A. Warren of North Buckfield, where the funeral took place at 10 a. m. on Tuesday. The services were in charge of Nezinsof Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which Mr. Warren was a member.

CORNISH.
Mrs. T. Lincoln is much better after quite a severe illness of several weeks. Dr. P. P. Sanborn, only son of Green Sanborn, died Saturday here for burial, from Indiana, last week.

The Cong'l circle was entertained, last Wednesday evening, by the members of Mrs. L. F. Pike's class at Smith & Warren's Hall.

The village school closed, Friday, with an uncommonly large number of parents and friends of the scholars in attendance at the closing exercises.

The anniversary exercises of the Y. P. S. C. E. were held at the Cong'l church, Sunday evening, Feb. 14, having been postponed from the Sunday preceding.

The enthusiastic Republicans are making extensive preparations for the inauguration ball, March 4, at Union hall; Grimmer's orchestra, grand concert and hot turkey supper.

The first local drama of the season entitled "The Wrecker's Daughter" was presented at Union Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 15, by the members of the graduating class of 1897, C. H. S.

It seems a settled fact that T. D. Emery of the firm of Emery, Milliken & Co., clothing manufacturers, will remove to Harrison, where he will still continue the same business but on a smaller scale. Just what will be done with this plant, which was put in for this special purpose, remains as yet a mystery.

NORTH WATERFORD.

John Lewis has a hog that has nine nice pigs.

Butter is worth 18 cents a pound and eggs are 14 cts. a dozen.

Clifford Rice had the misfortune to lose a nice cow, one day last week.

Dr. Walker of North Norway, was in town, last week, to see a lame horse belonging to Alphonzo Charles.

Warren Gammon, who has been working at Denmark, made his mother, Mrs. Weston Hazeltine, a short visit, last week.

The ladies' circle will have an oyster and pastry supper in the vestry, Tuesday, Feb. 23. Supper will be served at 6 p. m. In the evening there will be an auction sale of a quilt and other miscellaneous articles. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Matilda Mosher I think will rank among the fast knitters of Oxford Co. One day recently, besides doing the work for a family of four, she commenced at 9:30 A. M. and at 6:00 P. M. had knit a pair of large sized men's stockings and in the evening knit another one down to the foot. She would have finished it if she had had yarn enough. If anyone can do more knitting than this in a day we would like to hear from them.

BYRON.
Mabel Reed is quite sick with indigestion.

Asas Alden has gone to Livermore to visit his relatives.

The roads are covered with ice caused by the recent rain.

R. Richmond has gone with his team to Roxbury to work hauling birch.

Guy Herrick has gone to Dead River to cook for in the woods for the Berlin Mills Co.

The Verrill Bros. injured one of their horses while coming down Old Turk Mountain, last week.

The selectmen are getting ready for the annual town meeting. The voters will be asked to vote money enough for a road machine.

Leslie Dunn has one of Stephen Taylor's Armenians blacksmithing for him in his shop. The Armenians cannot talk our language but can do a good job on the anvil.

Rev. Mr. Houle is holding meetings at Gam Co. and Hox Co. and the logging camps. His sermons from the word "Come" are very interesting. We hope everyone will go and give him a full house.

Geo Ladd's youngest girl, Vella, broke her leg above the knee while sliding, last Saturday. She collided with a fence post causing the painful accident. A surgeon set the broken bone and she is doing as well as can be expected.

CASCO.
E. A. Barton has a lame side.

Dr. L. H. Poore has a new covered sleigh.

Levi Robinson is sawing shingles at F. B. Nichol's mill.

Cyrus M. Barton got his eye blacked while working in the woods.

Charles M. Barton of Edes' Falls visited his cousin, E. A. Barton, on Saturday last.

Ed Edwards dropped a stitch in his back, Friday, and is confined to the house.

Peter, Mike and Ned Hamdoney, the Syrian pedlars, were through this place, last week.

Geo. Nutting has bought C. F. Winslow's ice house and hauled it to his home in Shadiscoe.

Lizzie Edwards of Mechanic Falls made a short visit at her father's, Dexter H. Edwards on Sunday.

Bert Rowe is working at F. B. Nichol's mill, making boxes. He belongs to the stiff neck class at present.

George Shane and family of Songo Lock, and Ed Brackett of Norway visited at G. W. Burgess, on Sunday last.

Quite a number of our smart men of the electric, the past week, in favor of the electric. We all hope we shall get the cars. We have heard that the Rumford Falls R. R. Co. are talking of extending that R. R. to Webb's Mills and Songo Lock and on to the head of the canal.

UPTON.
Mrs. D. McLoud is boarding at Jack Burke's.

Dollie Bartlett is keeping house for her brother Will.

Wm. F. Hemingway has recently purchased a new upright post-drill.

Mrs. Geneva Lane and children visited at A. W. Judkins' on day last week.

T. Sargent is doing an extensive job on his house, finishing the chambers, etc.

Alvah Coolidge and family with invited guests went to B pond, Sunday, for a ride.

Mel Lombard found one fisher and two table in his traps, last week. A fair day's work that!

Mrs. John Brown and Rose Whitney were at Andover, last week, to consult a physician concerning Mrs. Brown's health.

Sam Sargent and wife of Oxbow, Aroostook Co., former residents of Cambridge, N. H., visited relatives and friends in this vicinity.

E. Coburn from Angler's Retreat, Middle Dam, tells us he has put in 300 M. timber this winter. He has had one span of horses and three choppers to do it.

C. E. Ryerson has lately purchased four heavy draft horses. He now owns eighteen and it would be hard to find their equal near by. He also owns six light roadsters.

WILSON'S MILLS.
E. S. Bennett is laid up with a cut foot. R. A. Storey returned home from Augusta, Saturday.

Perry, who has been building piers at Parker Hill pond, boarded his crew at Flint's Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor have been to Colebrook, the past week, for medical advice for Mrs. Taylor.

The Gobbler's Complaint.
"It seems to me," said the gobbler, "that while the world is discussing the needless slaughter of the Armenians they might give some attention to us Turks who are suffering a similar fate." —Philadelphia North American.

Long Odds Against Him.
He (pathetically)—All great men have smoked, my dear. She (with animation)—Oh, if you will only give up smoking until you are great, I shall be quite content. —New York Tribune.

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WELCHVILLE.
Emma Washburn is on the sick list.

Mrs. R. F. Staples entertained the circle, Friday evening.

H. A. Bennett, who has been ill the past week, has resumed his duties as section foreman.

The ladies will give an oyster supper followed by music and games at Mrs. W. E. Holmes, Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. Supper to be served from 6.30 until 9.00.

NEW!

Our first lot of Wool Dress Goods is now ready to show. They will sell themselves.

A case of Spring Prints for 5c. per yard, just the price of that new 36 inch brown sheeting, that is good enough for sheets.

If you want something thinner, just look at the 8c. and 15c. muslins.

Something new all the time at the New Store.

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SPECIAL SALE OF SHOES

AT **E. E. Millett & Co's,**

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LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

All of our Men's Shoes that the price has been \$3 to 3.75, now 2.00.

All of our Men's Shoes that the price has been \$4 to 5, now \$2.50.

All of our Ladies' Shoes, prices that have been \$3 to 4, now \$2.00.

These goods are all custom made from best stock in the market, and good style.

Please come in and see these goods, and be convinced that they are the best trades offered in this town.

BLUE STORE.

ADVANCE SPRING STYLES.

Flange Brim and Stiff Hats, Latest Shapes and Colors. Call and see them.

New Tams For the Boys, Girls and Young Ladies.

... TIME TO SAVE MONEY ON ALL WINTER GOODS. ...

ULSTERS, OVERCOATS, REEFERS, SUITS, PANTS, SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR, CAPS, GLOVES, MITTENS.

Everything in Heavy Weights at cost to close them out, many odd lots for less.

In Our CUSTOM TAILORING DEPARTMENT ...

We are showing spring styles of cloths for SUITS and PANTS. Good time to have them made before spring rush begins. LOW PRICES JUST NOW.

BLUE STORE, NOYES & ANDREWS, Proprietors.
\$7.50 Overcoats for \$5.00. \$3.50 and \$3.00 Pants for \$2.00.

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ALWAYS ON HAND:

Munsey's Magazine, The Puritan, Young Ladies' Journal, Harper's Weekly, Puck, Judge, and many other leading magazines and periodicals.

A Large Lot of Bertha M. Clay's Novels.

At **THE NOYES DRUG STORE,**

Pharmacy always in charge of a registered druggist.

BUSINESS SPECIALS.
Under this head business notices for ten cents per line. Seven words have your Custom Tailoring the Blue Store. Spring and styles now ready.

Furnished rooms to let, with out board. Mrs. Silver, foot street.

The finder of a pair of glasses will please leave them at advertiser office for owner.

Allard & Moulton have a fine spring and summer samples for are ready to receive orders for.

Noyes & Andrews at the 1 have a small quantity of left in all departments of which they will sell for a small good time to save money.

The Morrison Bicycle Ice Co. just what you are looking for, in another column and write Cornish, Me.

A few ulsters, overcoats, suits, overalls, gloves, mittens, little underwear for sale cheap. At Andrews, Blue Store. To their winter stock lowest named.

NORWAY AND VICIN.
The 4th of March ball at March 4.

J. B. Lawler of Salem, Mass. town, this week.

H. O. Kneeland of Haverhill, town, Wednesday.

Blanche Cook of Portland her uncle, A. L. Cook.

A. L. F. Pike is making an to Aroostook county.

Ice cream and cake will be the hall at the ball March 4.

Mrs. F. Q. Elliott is attending vention at Waterville this week.

Stearns & Newbury will give music for the 4th of March will give one of their fine corn still 9.

The Wallaces, of Rochester have sold their light and power this place to the Oxford Light a new corporation, the principle whom are George E. McLaughlin, Gustaf, and F. E. Richards, of 1

Mrs. Alma P. Haylen and daughter Nellie attended the of Powers Hall and the Govt. ception, Monday, the 22d, at Me. Mrs. Hayden read an or at the dedication. Powers Hall is the large new building Maine Central Institute, of v Hayden is a graduate.

Prof. Wm. R. Chapman of will visit Maine next week, large number of the towns will hearsals for the Maine Musi are in progress. His tions will be in the daytime. It heided to call together the have him conduct a rehearsal, day afternoon at 2 o'clock. hoped that everybody will sibly can, and greet Prof. Chapman with an attendance of 75.

The form of entertainment "Women's town meeting" is a deed, just as we predicted. iginal one was gotten up by the the Universalist society in Judging by the articles in various such meetings and reports they all copy closely meeting, of which the ADVERTISER an extended report. The this unique entertainment societies, and this evening the Auburn will regulate town affairs year ensuing.

Shall We Pay as We

Ordinarily the answer is "yes," some put it, "if we can't pay go," but in the case of town must go and you must pay sooner or later. A review of Norway town reports shows un

And one, which in making tions this year should not be viz: That there is the small of uncollected taxes in the hat collectors that there has been years. The amount is only against \$13,003.29 last year.

of the proverbial "hard times" sections have been brought to paratively small sum. This that the town will not have amount "uncollected bills in of the collector" to fall back years past.

The expenses for the coming probably be no less than last, the report shows that the sev priations last year were inae meet the expenses, with inter and debt becoming due. In years it is estimated the town \$1000 raised to pay running expen we do not consider any fault officers but the fault of the raising sufficient money.

The rate per cent. of taxat be kept at about the same year. In 1896 the rate was \$1000. In 1894 it was \$160, \$20.00, and in 1896 it was \$11 thousand dollars. There is this variation and it is an every one.

We ought to raise for town about \$16,000 at next Mond meeting. That is, those who "paying as we go" and decr debt should favor the raisi sum. Those who want the tations to pay our bills will in just as little as possible, of larger than was raised last we run in debt about one th lars.

Last year's report shows tics of \$24,425.34; this ye shows total liabilities to be making a reduction of \$3,73 face of the liabilities as rep

In hands of collector a ye \$13,003.29 and what is now is only \$6,062.94, which shov \$9,085 more has been collec year ago.

Taking the reported and liabilities of a year ago and was \$28,069.50, instead of \$3 shown by the report. If fig basis then the retroductio in the past 12 months is \$8,6 in part will account for the of \$7,940.35, which the colle collected more than usual, w If all the liabilities this year, then it is fair to say the ch reduced its debt \$8,003.80 th

The means by which it was parent. More collections made, consequently there sources to draw from for come.

We would not advise the unreasonable sum of money, day, but let us raise sufficient the current expenses, and our debt.